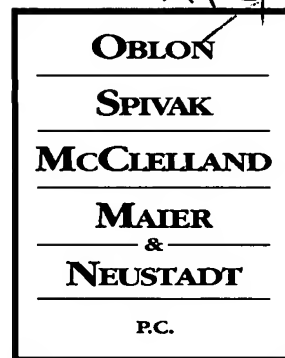




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/716,461  
Applicants: Francois KUBICA  
Filing Date: November 20, 2003  
For: METHOD FOR OPERATING AN AIRCRAFT  
Group Art Unit: 3661  
Examiner: BEHNCKE, C.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Reply Brief**

**Request for Oral Hearing**

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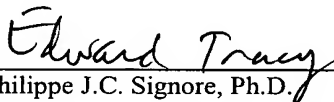
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Applicant's representative hereby respectfully requests that an Oral Hearing be scheduled in the above-identified application.

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